

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 2 as follows:

Collection of the sample(s) is effected by a sponge and/or any other device designed to collect saliva and mouth cells. For example, provided in the instant kit is a sterile foam-tipped sponge with a handle protectively sealed in paper to maintain sterility. The applicator is about 6 inches in total length with a handle of about 4 inches in length. An example of such a sponge is provided by PUR-WRAPS™ ~~Pur-Wraps®~~. Additionally, a latex glove is provided that can be worn during collection of the sample.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 16 as follows:

The storage pouch is closed at the top with a "ziplock-type" resealable means. Additionally, there is provided a tape to seal the storage pouch. Such a tape is a tamper-resistant security tape such as can be provided by, for example, Lab Safety Supply Inc. After the DNA storage card is placed in the storage pouch and the pouch closed, the security tape is placed over the closed storage pouch in

such a way that opening the pouch by normal means would damage or tear the tape or damage or tear the storage pouch or both. Optionally, the storage pouch can contain a dessicant. Although not limited to said, an example of such a dessicant is ~~SORB-IT™ SORB-IT®~~.